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NORTH-WEST BAY.

LAKE WINNIPISCOGEE.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

BY MARY WERNER.

'Tis the world is full of gardens,
That are built, or idly grown;
Sometime will come the harvest
From the seeds that now are sown.
Growing within each garden,
With a strong and sturdy root,
There stands a tree for every one,
Which bears—*forbidden fruit*.

Those who have sinned and suffered
Know, full well, its bitter taste,
And oftentimes discouraged,
Their fair gardens go to waste,
But evil has a mission,
And its worth none may compute,
For wisdom and temptation
Come with—*forbidden fruit*.

'Tis the labor and endeavor
And the struggle for the right
That break the bonds of evil,
And bring the welcome light.
In every overcoming
Of the sin that we refuse,
Our souls are better, stronger,
For the *forbidden fruit*.

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AMSTERDAM.

(Continued.)

The next morning we took a ride around the city, visited the statue of Rembrandt, and drove in the Vondel Park. On our return we went to see the diamond cutters. Here we saw men splitting diamonds, to remove the impurities, then cutting and polishing them. The diamond was placed in the end of a stick which was covered with wax, the wax was heated, and when it was cold it held the diamond in place. The diamonds are cut with another diamond; the man who showed us around kept repeating, "Diamond cuts diamond." In polishing them immense wheels are used, which go by machinery; the diamond is imbedded in lead shaped like an apple with a stem, and it has to be reset thirty times. We were shown diamonds in the rough from Brazil, and from Cape Comorin, those from the cape are clearer. We also saw Rhine stones, and models, in glass, of all the wonderful jewels in the world. Many of these

diamond cutters are Jews; we drove through the old Jewish quarter, where they have found a refuge from persecution for three hundred years. It was not a tidy looking place, the streets were full of old men, women and children. People were cooking close to the street, and sitting in the dirt, knitting or sewing. As our carriage drove past, one old woman complimented us by exclaiming, "Elegant dames!"

Not far from our hotel there was an orphan asylum, and we met a procession of the children in the street; they wear the colors of the city, red and black, and the suits of the little boys were especially striking, with one side red and the other black. In the afternoon we went to the Rijks Museum, a splendid art palace built in the old Dutch style. One hall is devoted to Rembrandt's paintings, from the subject of the pictures it is sometimes called the Anatomical Room. Near the centre of the building we saw the large painting which Thackeray considered the greatest picture in the world, The Night Watch by Rembrandt. Here was also Van der Helst's Banquet of the Arquebusers, or the City Guard. This is famous for the fine portraits of the jolly Dutchmen in their picturesque costumes. A small picture, The Night School, by Gerard Dow, is quite celebrated on account of the wonderful light which the candles throw upon the faces of the workmen. Here we saw the autographs of Emma, the Queen Regent, and Wilhelmina, the little Queen. The book was kept in a glass case; the autographs bore a recent date, and across the open page laid the gold-tipped quill with which they were written.

In the morning we visited the King's Palace, which was in some respects the finest palace that we had seen. We went through rooms finished in exquisitely carved marble; on one of the pillars, we noticed a figure carrying a fish net, the meshes of which were the most delicate carving imaginable. The walls of the rooms were hung with different colors in satin or brocade velvet. Napoleon lived here from 1808-11, and the yellow tea room is just as he left it. We saw the saloon for the little queen, and the Throne Room, where the coronation chair, with a beautiful W, in the back, is awaiting her eighteenth birthday. In the Ball Room hung the old battle flags, among them that of Admiral Van Tromp, who tied the broom to his masthead, as a sign that he would sweep the English from the seas.

Our guide through the palace was interesting to us on account of his air of shabby gentility. He wore an ancient looking tall hat, and a much worn dress coat, very shiny on the shoulders. It was easy to imagine that he had just dropped out from a volume of Dickens.

We went to see the dykes. The lagoons have been drained off, so that houses now stand on what was once a selgy marsh, the home of the wild duck. What amused us most was a fisherman, an exact copy of the old Dutch settler described in Diedrich Kuickerbocker's history, we were sure he had on quite as many pairs of trousers as Irving credits him with wearing.

Our conductor quoted Voltaire's alliteration canard, canal, canaille, and soon we too must say good-bye to "ducks, dykes and Dutchmen," but we had a few hours left, so took

a sail to Zandam, famous as the place where Peter the Great learned the trade of a shipwright. At the Zandam landing there were numerous guides shouting, "Take you to the house of Peter the Great." Selecting one of the crowd, we engaged him for seventy-five cents, in Dutch money, and considered that this time, at least, we had made a very reasonable bargain. The house of Peter the Great, which is enclosed in another house of more modern structure, was built in 1632, and was occupied by Peter in 1697. There are only two small rooms; in the one called the saloon hangs a picture of Peter and his wife, in the other there is a recess in the wall resembling a small bay window, here they said was Peter's bed. Tablets, by different monarchs hang on the walls. On our way back to the steamer one of our party purchased a pair of wooden shoes, for which he paid a half guilder, about twenty cents in our money. He thought he could wear them by putting slippers inside, and we imagined him clattering along the sidewalks, in the city of Omaha.

When we settled with our guide, we were quite surprised when he reminded us that we had merely engaged him to take us to the house of Peter the Great, but no agreement had been made about his returning with us, therefore we were obliged to double the fee.

The people in Holland had certainly interested us more than the inhabitants of any other country. The long-haired peasants, with their big pipes, and the farmers' wives with rosy faces, framed in shining gold helmets, and snowy lace caps looked as if they had stepped out of some old picture painted two hundred and fifty years ago. We had enjoyed the beautiful quiet landscapes, dotted with windmills, and the smooth glistening water.

At twilight we sailed to try the fortunes of the Northsea. E. J. B.

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Wednesday, December 30, 1891.

Laconia people take a great deal of pleasure in calling their town the unchartered city. We propose they get a charter and name their place Boston. We will fall in with the project and acknowledge that we are nobody down this way. There is such a thing as feeling too large.—Tilton correspondent *Merrimack Journal*.

That Laconia is a smart, active and enterprising town is self-evident. Let us consider a few of the elements which combine to make the place what it is. While the village is favored with a water power which furnishes employment to hundreds of people who, in turn, support the traders and house-owners, there are other elements which contribute to the general prosperity; one is the loyalty of its citizens. A Laconiate is always ready to speak a good word for his town; to tell how fast it is growing; to brag of its buildings and stores. It is very seldom that one is heard telling what a "mean, old, dull place it is," even if he thinks it. Another element is the willingness and readiness with which they unite and help any new enterprise that is of benefit to the place, and the number of home investments made by its capitalists. And yet another element, and one of not very small proportions, is the amount of trade which goes from smaller towns in its immediate vicinity, and from towns which could just as well have kept it at home, and whose merchants could supply the articles at as low prices. The element which contributes to increase the retail trade of Laconia is a liberal use of printer's ink by the traders through the columns of the weekly papers, published in the place.

These same elements if employed and applied to any town will improve and benefit it. Then let us here in Meredith, be loyal to our town; speak a good word for it every chance we get, be always ready to lend a helping hand to all new enterprises looking for the betterment of the place, and be on the lookout for a chance to invest our surplus in home industries. Buy all we can of our local traders, they help pay the taxes and keep things moving, outsiders do not. Be united, and not kick if we think different from some others.

A family row in Nashua last Saturday night came very near resulting in a murder. The victim came out of the fight with a cut on the skull, another on the left cheek and a third, about four inches long, on the throat within an eighth of an inch of the main artery. A knife in the hands and whiskey inside of his wife was the cause.

MEREDITH CENTRE.

Say Joe, did you salt your butcher knife?

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cate were in town the past week.

Mrs. W. H. Cate is on a visit to Boston for the holidays.

Fred Beebe is chopping cord wood for J. F. Smith on the Ranlet lot.

J. F. Smith and wife visited T. L. Smith at the County Farm recently.

Mr. Arthur Williams is in Vermont, where he has a job of work at \$1.00 per day and board.

The elder Mrs. Marston is on the sick list. A physician from New Hampton is in attendance.

The heavy rains since the 23d have melted the snow. Scarcely any to be seen this morning, the 28th.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Vesie visited North Sanbornton the 25th, for stockings to make. They returned with between 30 and 40 dozen.

Fred H. Piper went to Laconia the 25th and brought home the sister who is convalescent from rheumatic fever. She experienced no ill effects from the journey.

The social meetings at O. J. Piper's usually held Tuesday evening will occur until further notice on Friday evenings, at 6.30, to better accommodate Mr. Piper's people.

Mrs. O. J. Piper is at work for Mrs. J. H. Harper, who is on the sick list. Scarcity of female help enables Mrs. Piper to work a few days each week, attending to home duties the remainder of the time.

Friday, the 25th, Mr. E. Cate and Eben Smith are said to have gone fishing on the "head of the bay," and are reported to have caught 50 pick-erel. Was not that rather better luck than usual boys? Let us know how you managed to hook such a string.

We suppose the loss of our snow may be a disappointment to those who are anxious to do their teaming, and so have the teams pay for their feed, but plenty of sledding may even now be on the way. Let the fine time to chop be improved. Sledding will come.

A merry Christmas to the proprietors of PROGRESSION, with our wishes for a continuance of your prosperity, and thereby distributing weekly to its patrons, a paper full of good cheer, of an attractive appearance, and very readable in all its departments. Subscribe to-day, if not already on the list, and be a partaker of its good things. It only costs a trifle to have its weekly visits a whole year.

"Oh! if when we oppress and grind our fellow-creatures, we bestow but one thought on the dark evidences of human error, which, like dense and heavy clouds, are rising, slowly it is true, but not less surely, to Heaven, to pour their after-vengeance on our heads; if we heard but one instant, in imagination, the deep testimony of dead men's voices, which no power can stifle, and no pride shut out; where would be the injury and injustice, the suffering, misery, cruelty and wrong, that each day's life brings with it!"—Dickens.

STATE NEWS.

The Tilton Hosiery Company, capital \$50,000 has been incorporated.

Counterfeit \$5 bills have been put in circulation during the past week in Concord.

Exeter is to have the weather signals announced every day on a new steam whistle.

John Finning, a pensioner of the war of 1812, committed suicide at Nashua, the 23d.

The usual Christmas service and tree was held at the County farm in Laconia, last Friday.

The Scott mills in Fitzwilliam were destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss about \$4500, insurance \$2800.

A gang of "green goods" men located in Portsmouth, is the latest addition to the industries of the Granite State.

Isaac Sawtelle, the Rochester murderer, was stricken with apoplexy last Thursday night, and died the following Saturday.

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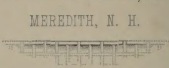
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THE WEIRS.

Miss Nellie Avery of Nashua spent Christmas with her parents here.

D. B. Story, of Story's Hotel who has been dangerously sick is slowly improving.

John F. Zebley and wife of New York City are at their Nestledown farm a few days.

E. E. Clark, the liverman with his wife were at Meredith Center with friends on Christmas.

Wesley Tarlson our genial and accommodating Deputy Postmaster, spent Christmas with friends at Tilton.

Freeman F. and Augusta Elkins with their son Herbert spent Christmas at Meredith with Mrs. Elkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lavitt.

Rev. Craven Laycock a young man of good promise from Tilton, spent Christmas with H. C. and Rosalie Batchelder and their daughter Beth, a very intelligent child of eight years.

Henry C. Batchelder and Geo. Deloit drive to Lakeport and back each day starting before 6 a. m., to work on the big Halifax Mills that are being enlarged.

Your correspondent here, congratulates the young men Herbert Elkins and Caleb Avery for their pleasant rendering of the several pieces of music on their voices on Christmas eve, especially that of the Spanish Cavalier. If they are studious and persevere they may be of much pleasure and honor in the musical world.

Christmas 1891 has come and gone amid rain and melting snows. What great gatherings and jubiliations in all parts of the world, and what various customs of observing the hallowed day in North and South America, Mexico, Spain, Norway, Iceland, the Tropics, the islands of the ocean etc., etc. What a sight it would be to the children of New England could they see a Christmas festival in Mexico where the day is observed with more strictness and ceremony than in any other country. All the people leave their work and pleasures and go to the immense and costly temples and cathedrals on Christmas eve to commemorate the Savior's birth. The cathedral, costing several million dollars, on the plaza in the city of Mexico display life size and life like (so said) representations of the nativity; at midnight, and mass is said with all the pomp and splendor possible to render it grand and effective.

Christmas eve was celebrated here in the M. E. Church on the edge of a beautiful grove of pines and near the clear and famous waters of the Wimpessaukee. The rain, soft and warm came rapidly like April days but it seemed to dampen the ardor of but few. The branches of two spruce trees were gracefully bending with presents for old and young; the latter looking with longing eyes for the time of their distribution. Mr. Henry C. Batchelder called the meeting to order, announcing at intervals the programme which commenced with cheering, appropriate music from two violins and an organ, and a prayer by Rev. Craven Laycock of Tilton. Much latent talent was shown in the recitations of the children and in the music; all the children need a little more instruction and careful study to make themselves very entertaining and useful on all such occasions. Some of the smallest children of seven and eight years did remarkably well and many have pretty faces, and fine heads which show great possibilities slumbering in their active organizations. Much amusement was created while the presents were being distributed, by a gentleman of mature years and cheerful countenance getting a present of what might have been a neat

pair of "Oxford ties." With much composure he opened the neat package and found inside wrapped in fine tissue paper the tail of a codfish and two crickers. He took it very philosophically as those near him nearly exploded with laughter and seemed to enjoy the joke as much as any one. Like all things transpiring, there was a cause for the joke, for his temperament denotes a man of fun and I presume some one had remembered some quick played on himself at some previous time by this man. After the literary exercises, a free supper of baked beans, brown bread, cake etc., so famous in New England, was dispensed in the basement of the church.

CENTRE HARBOR.

Mrs. Henry Page is on the sick list. Miss Thesia Benson is home from Boston.

Mrs. John Flanders is visiting in Pensacok.

Badger Garland and wife are down with la gripe.

E. E. Blake is cutting the pine timber from the Bryant lot.

Freeman Hogn was with his family at A. F. Brown's of late.

Homer Benson's wife and son are both down with la gripe.

Mrs John E. Senter was with her husband here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cook are both suffering from la gripe.

Miss Nora Maloon of Meredith is at Dr. Page's for a few days.

Herbert Sturtevant and wife are spending a few days with L. A. Sibby.

F. H. Morse of Morse & Stanley is down with the prevailing distemper.

Henry Page and son spent Christmas with their family at Dr. W. A. Page's here.

We were pleased to see PROGRESSION out so early and enlarged to eight pages last week.

Weymouth Dow is seriously and it is feared fatally ill with bronchitis following la gripe.

Al Blackey has contracted to lathe the cottages being built by Alfred Berry on Alpine Park.

J. C. Locke has papered the house occupied by Charles Behmore and owned by J. S. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Caverly spent Christmas in Melvin where he was taken sick and his shop is closed.

There are said to be over fifty people on Moultonboro' Neck suffering from la gripe, whole families being prostrated together.

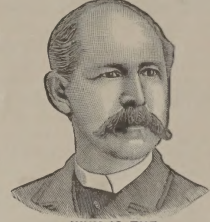
It is to be hoped Santa Claus took notice of Mr. D. W. Coe's decorations as he had each door of his residence guarded by beautiful evergreen trees.

The "Green Christmas" saying bids fair to be verified this season, for la gripe and pneumonia are prevailing to a fearful extent in our vicinity and our doctors are busy day and night.

The Christmas festival at the church met with its usual success, with trees amply loaded and Mr. Eugene W. Sturtevant as Santa Claus. There were recitations by the children and music by the Sunday school after which the trees were unloaded, Messrs Morse and Green taking off the varied fruit, and Howard Morse, Everett Gould, Grace Locke and Josie Abbott passing it about. Beside this there were many family trees, and judging by the many bright faces one met, in spite of the dismal weather all were well satisfied.

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PLYMOUTH.

"A Happy New Year."

A new moon Friday evening.

Our last snow is fast disappearing. Miss Bryant is the new normal teacher.

Wallace S. Durkee is visiting in Vermont.

Several tramps have been around town lately.

George H. Greeley spent Christmas at home.

Daniel Kent is building a new house on Avery St.

Many are sick around town with "La Grippe."

B. V. Pebbles is firing on the Paspumpic R. R.

Frank R. Sawyer is greatly improved in health.

Miss Léna B. Avery returned to Boston Monday.

Will Davis is night watchman at Livermore Falls.

Joseph C. Hersey has returned to his home in Hill.

Additional electric poles are being put up this week.

Albert Kimball is ill at his son's, Wm. R. Kimball.

D. B. Keniston is taking account of stock this week.

George Gore is working at the Electric Light Station.

A Plymouth party recently went fishing on Squam lake.

Lumbermen in this vicinity are anxiously waiting for snow.

Miss Flora M. Adams has returned to her school at Lancaster.

Mrs. F. E. Wadleigh of Littleton was in town over Sunday.

Machinery is being placed in position at the electric station.

Our merchants report an exceptionally good Christmas trade.

The usual quiet spell that follows Christmas trade is upon us.

The rains of last week caused the ice in the river to break up.

W. R. Park is to have a saw mill in operation at Quincy, soon.

Rev. D. E. Miller preached a Christmas sermon Sunday morning.

B. F. Pease of Ashland, the popular auctioneer, was in town last week.

The G. A. R. had a Christmas tree and supper Friday evening at their hall.

Frank Guilford has moved his glove shop into Tufts' block up two flights.

J. A. Cross is very sick with pneumonia at his residence on Highland Street.

The Universalist Church had a Christmas tree in Tufts hall Thursday evening.

A 40 foot flag staff is being placed in position on the new normal school building.

I. N. Hanson is to manage the electric light plant, instead of Frank Guilford.

The Eaton Entertainment Bureau of Boston, furnished a Christmas entertainment for the Congregational Sunday school Tuesday evening.

A reception at Normal hall was enjoyed by the A. and B. classes Friday evening.

Fred W. Page, cashier of the Whitefield Bank and Trust Co., was in town Thursday.

J. A. Cross was obliged to postpone his auction sale of clothing on account of his sickness.

A Christmas Sunday school concert was given in the Congregational Church Sunday evening.

Miss Lullie Lammis entertained a company of young people at John Mason's Friday evening, the occasion being a Cobweb party.

Miss Minard, for five years at the head of the primary schools here, has resigned, to take a similar position in the Provinces. Miss Kate Merrill, a normal school graduate takes her place.

Dr. C. C. Rounds was in Concord Thursday evening, and spoke before the Concord Commercial Club, on the educational exhibition at Paris, and what it taught of the French school system.

The Methodist Society had an agreeable surprise for those attending their Christmas exercises on Thursday evening. Instead of a Christmas tree, as has been the custom of the past, a pyramid, was erected in the centre of the vestry covered with hemlocks, colored papers etc., and with the many presents suspended made an object of much attraction and admiration. This was something entirely novel to this community, and was highly appreciated by the large audience present, in spite of a pouring rain. Santa Claus arrived early in the evening, loaded with gifts for the children, and assisted in distributing the presents in his usual jovial way. The arrangements for the evening's entertainment were made by a committee of young people to whom much credit is deserved for their trouble and pains in preparing such an entertainment.

NEW HAMPTON INSTITUTION.

Two of Mr. L. Pikes children are sick with diphtheria.

A larger part of the students spent Christmas at their homes.

Prof. Chapman of St. Johnsbury has been in town the past week visiting friends.

T. T. Lane took the prize on the best set of capitals in the first term in penmanship.

The Hamptonia came out Wednesday. It is edited this year by the Literary Adelpi.

Raymond Cairns returned to his home in Bristol on account of the death of his father.

The committees for the public meetings are as follows: For the

Social Fraternity—Arrangements, H. J. Haggood, S. A. Howard Jr., H. M. Thyn; Assignments, A. O. Benfield, A. C. Phipps, H. B. Worthen. For the Literary Adelpi—Arrangements, F. A. Musgrove, A. W. Perkins, J. W. Merrow; Assignments, C. J. Osgood, A. K. Drake, F. C. Reed. For the Germanae—Arrangements, Isadore M. Musgrove, Fannie L. Gile, Mabel D. Marden.

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WINTER.

Lastly came Winter, clothed all in frize,
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While on his hoary beard his breath did freeze,
And the dull drops that from his purple bill
As from a limbeck did adown distill;
In his right hand a tipped staffe he held,
With which his feeble wings he stayed still,
For he was faint with Cold and weak with old.
That scarce his lonesome limbeck he able was to wield.
—Spenser.

RELIGIOUS.

This department is open to outside Contributions.

"I PRAY THEE HAVE ME EXCUSED."

This sentence prevails to an alarming extent in these days, in so far as it may apply to what would have been termed, a few years ago, as christian duty. A lady said to me to-day, "I enjoy the prayer meeting very much during the meeting, but out of meeting some way, I am often thinking they had better be discontinued, and I feel as though I would like to be excused from attending or taking part therein." Why is this? Is not there more need at this time of a revival among God's people than ever before? I believe when God's people get revived, and fully awake to the condition of the masses, there will speedily come a rush for that Love of Christ, that should be seen in the daily life, speech and dealings of christians, and the wish to "be excused" will not be so frequently expressed.

I can very distinctly remember, some thirty-five years ago, those glorious prayer meetings at the Edgerly school-house in Meredith, conducted by that Godly man, Dea. Ira Gordon and assisted occasionally by students from the Theological Department at New Hampton Institution; the house used to be full, I don't think many thought of being excused. Oh! they were blessed seasons to "Lovers of Jesus." What says Paul in his second epistle to Timothy, third chapter, and fourth verse? Has that time arrived? Let us see! How many attended that Harvest supper? One hundred, a very enjoyable evening, and nothing wrong in attending, as far as we know, but at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting did you have a dozen out, and if so did not ten wish to "be excused" from speaking in the name of the Master, and telling of his great sacrifice and his wonderful love to poor fallen humanity? Does not this state of things show a greater love for pleasure than for the welfare of those who will surely be eternally lost, unless those who profess to be the Lord's, speedily get aroused out of this lethargic condition, and work for Jesus in the prayer meeting? Why! you could no more keep up a church in good spiritual working condition without the prayer meeting, than you could uphold the town hall without the foundation. I see a notice of a meeting to take measures to suppress the "rum traffic," and certainly it is a very laudable cause to be engaged in. We believe if every professed follower of Jesus in Meredith will attend the next prayer meeting and every succeeding one, be in earnest, talk and pray too, and for the unsaved, and live daily in strict accordance with such profession, the "rum" would not trouble us very long,

for those who now drink it would soon be led to Jesus, and I believe in him only, lies safely from all the evils in existence; without him we will slip in unguarded moments; with his love in our hearts, and leaning on his mighty arm, we never fall. Oh! what a responsibility rests on us as lovers of Jesus. Think what he has done for us. Think what we promised to do for him. Are we fulfilling those promises by "praying to be excused?" The unsaved are watching our every move, and trying to live on our failings, and if we never speak a word for him, in daily life, in prayer or exhortation, and seem to take no interest in the social meeting, often absent and when present, have no word for him who did so much for us, those who are not christians will not be led by our example to seek that "Pearl of great price." Oh christians all! Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us awake anew to the prayer meeting,—if there are none, appoint some,—go to pray for yourself and others, and when you get there, don't wait for some more talented brother or sister, but do your work, remembering that the little quoinets are of as much use in the wall, as the more massive stone, and what a blessing will be poured out in our place. Don't be afraid to shout as people did thirty-five years ago, if you have enough of Jesus in your heart to warrant it; it will not scare any one to see God's people in earnest, but I tell you it will inspire the unsaved with faith in our professions. Now let us take this to the Lord and if we are good soldiers, and men to do our duty, there will soon be a full attendance at the social meetings, and the strong holds of satan will rock to their foundations.

CHRISTMAS HINTS.

Don't ask your child what he wants unless you intend giving it to him.

Though money makes the mare go, it makes Santa Claus come.

Don't buy your best girl a present on the installment plan as she might jilt you before you made all the payments.

Rub the price mark off the present unless it is an expensive one.

If you wish to surprise your girl never ask her what she would like for Christmas.

When you have the Christmas tree up it don't mean that you have it fixed up.

Some persons never wish you a Merry Christmas unless they think they will get something for doing so.

The bachelor who puts his thumb into the boarding house Christmas pie is apt to pull out a collar button.

—Valley Breeze.

STATE NEWS.

Fannie M. Keyes, late matron at the Orphans' Home in Concord, and for several years postmistress at Ashland, died at her home in Ashland, the 13th.

The administrator of the estate of Mary Kean, has served a notice of a claim for damages to the amount of \$7,000 against the Amoskeag corporation. Mary Kean was one of the victims of the disaster at the Amoskeag mills.

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PLYMOUTH.

Miss Alice Blanchard is recovering.

H. L. Bacon was in town last week.

Excellent weather for this time of year.

C. A. Fellows has returned from Boston.

John Maynard is on a Western business trip.

Geo. H. Blood spent Sunday at his home in Wentworth.

The stores in Plymouth furnish an attractive holiday display.

Heath intends taking photos at his new studio, in a short time.

Work is being pushed rapidly on Heath's Photograph Studio.

The Express Office has been renovated during the past week.

E. A. Chase has been working for Chas. C. Wright, this week.

Chas. C. Wright was out of town on a business trip, last week.

Mrs. Blanchard, postmaster at Sandwich, was in town recently.

W. W. Mason is chief fireward during Prof. Keniston's absence.

Mrs. John Gill will spend the winter with her daughter, in Somerville, Mass.

Mrs. W. P. Freeman intends spending the winter with her husband, in Boston.

The putting in of the Electric Plant, furnishes employment to a number around here.

E. G. Currier is enjoying his week's lay-off from the R. M. S., at his parental home.

The S. S. of the M. E. Church will give a Christmas Concert, on Sunday eve after Christmas.

William P. Freeman has secured a position as salesman, in the well known carpet house of John H. Pray & Sons, in Boston.

The wiring of the electric light poles is being rapidly pushed forward, but doubtless it will be four weeks before it will have been completed.

The M. E. Society are planning for an enjoyable time, on Christmas Eve., the arrangements being in the hands of a committee of their young people.

The fine condition of the ice for skating, the beautiful weather and full moon, are being highly appreciated by those who enjoy that healthful sport.

Rev. A. C. Dixon will deliver the third lecture of our winter's course, in Music Hall, this Wednesday evening; subject, "Yourself and Other People."

The society connected with the Congregational Church, held a fair and Conundrum supper at Town Hall, Tuesday evening; the supper being something novel in Plymouth, was well appreciated.

N. B. Cornell and Frank A. Fox have re-opened the store occupied by Plummer Fox, and will conduct business in the same general lines; the firm name being, Cornell & Fox. Both members of the firm are well known in this vicinity. Mr. Cornell was an employee of the American Express Company a number of years, was formerly a well known merchant of Meredith. The junior member of the firm has been a faithful, steady and reliable clerk for Mr. Fox a number of years. That their business

will be conducted in a straight, forward and honorable manner is an assured fact, and we trust they will meet with the success they deserve.

NEW HAMPTON.

C. D. Thying has opened his annual display of Christmas goods.

The boys enjoyed a days skating on Spectacle pond-Saturday.

George J. Prescott has been at home the past week on account of illness.

C. W. Foss returned to his home in Campton Thursday on account of illness.

The Children's Mission Bank gave a Pie supper at Chapel Hall, Wednesday evening.

A. E. Bridgeman severely sprained his thumb while playing football, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Merrill of Nashua, Secretary of the State Temperance Union gave a temperance lecture in the church, Sunday evening.

School in district No. 1, closed last week.

Miss Myra Gordon has returned to No. Andover, Mass.

Thomas Robie of Plymouth visited at his old home recently.

Mrs. W. R. Robie is visiting friends in Manchester this week.

Daniel K. Smith died Tuesday night at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Allen of Belmont is visiting her sister Mrs. G. H. Seyward.

John Davis has moved his family to Laconia. They will occupy their new house.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Boynton Jr., have returned to their southern home, Orlando, Florida.

James Flanders was in town buying cattle last week. There is quite a call for good cattle.

MEREDITH CENTER.

Mrs. Fred Beede scalded her foot the 8th slightly.

Mrs. Will Smith was at Mr. Ed. Philgates last Saturday.

Comrade A. Barney visited Cannaan, N. H., the past week.

Eld. N. Glidden was at home last Saturday and over the Sabbath.

Miss Ida Morgan of Laconia, has recently been visiting at J. F. Smith's.

J. F. Smith was at the "Hub" last week attending to business in his line.

John Richardson is said to be quite poorly in health not able to do much of any work.

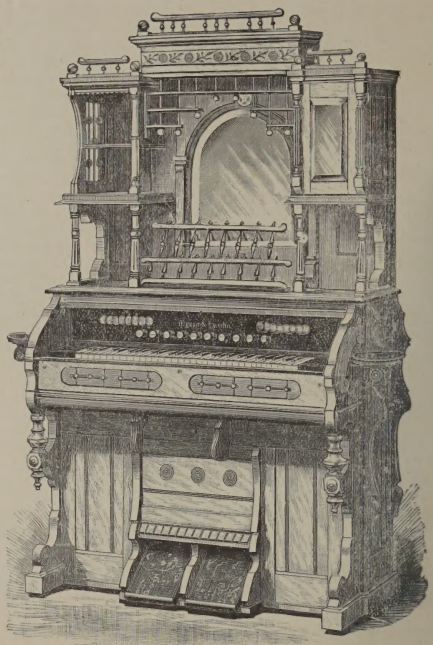
The Porkers in our vicinity don't seem to have much show for life, a few cold days and their "squalls" will be heard no more.

Our weather the past week comes as near pleasing everyone as it would be possible. Such beautiful days! Are we sufficiently thankfulthere for?

J. M. Smith does not seem to gain as it was hoped he would. His long confinement to his bed has deranged his condition to such an extent that his recovery is slow.

Frank Muzzey don't see the "point" of the joke when a mischievous boy shuts off the water at the upper dam and compels him to rush up there to see why his pond has run out. Don't do it again, Frank says.

J. J. Burleigh, stocking freighter from "Clark's corner" had a runaway the 8th up by John S. Deloff's and smashed his wagon quite badly. The little girl who accompanied him was thrown out but is said to have escaped serious injury.



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